

**ASHE Triko Valley Section  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**April 27, 2010  
Cincinnati City Hall, Room 420A**

In Attendance: Joe Vogel  
Cindy Minter  
Caroline Duffy  
Jim Jurgensen, II  
David Emerick  
Carol Callan-Ramler  
Kevin Savage  
Matt Loeffler  
Bill Lawall  
Paul Schoelwer  
Stephen Proffitt

The meeting was called to order by President Vogel at 11:50 am.

Secretary's Report

Dave Emerick handed out and discussed the meeting minutes from the March 23rd general membership meeting and the Feb 23rd Board meeting. Name spellings were corrected on the general membership meeting minutes. A general discussion ensued regarding the level for the incoming directors. Caroline Duffy raised a motion that in order to provide adequate opportunities for experience for directors, they should begin their tenure on the board as a first year director. This motion was seconded by Jim Jurgensen, Jr and all present voted in favor. Kevin Savage raised a motion to accept the BOD meeting minutes as amended (Caroline Duffy was recommended as Region One rep on National Board. Also several name spellings were corrected), which was seconded by Steve Proffitt. The motion was carried. Jim Jurgensen, Jr. raised a motion to accept the general membership meeting minutes which was seconded by Matt Loeffler. All present voted in favor.

## 2010 National Conference Committee

We have extended the print ad deadline to May 10<sup>th</sup>. Overall, we are \$30,000 short on sponsorships; therefore, we are making budget cuts. Areas to cut are transportation and food/beverages. Some budget items will be controlled by the number of attendees. Overall sponsors were down \$8500, ads are down \$16,000 and event sponsors are down \$5,000. We will close the gap by either soliciting more sponsors or lower event costs.

The hospitality committee has asked if we can have one exclusive sponsor for the hospitality room for each night.

Caroline thanked everyone for their participation in the conference. We are working through a lot of items and should work towards having fun at the conference. Remind people that the early bird deadline is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Caroline indicated that the Region has no credit, nor does the section. She recommends utilizing credit cards for payments to build credit. There are issues with co-signing for cards that must be worked out. Incoming Treasurer, Kevin Savage will investigate obtaining a credit card, changing the mail box location, looking at e-vites, etc. Caroline raised a motion for Dave Emerick to investigate options to build credit with the Pay pal account and for Kevin Savage to get with Bill to investigate obtaining a credit card for Triko Valley section and to be used for the national conference and report back to the Board . The motion was seconded by Paul Schoelwer and all voted aye.

Caroline made a second motion for Paul to investigate using e-vite to notify members of upcoming meetings instead of post cards and to coordinate this with Dave Emerick regarding electronic pay conduits and notification program options. This motion was seconded by Jim Jurgensen, Jr. and all presented voted in favor.

## PIN Report

Caroline Duffy will be the national PIN rep after her installation as a representative to the National Board.

The administration will concentrate on passage of the Climate and Energy Bill after settling the Health Care Bill. There is a concern that if a gas tax is enacted to fund the climate bill then it will not be an option for funding the transportation bill. At this point, we are waiting on the 90-day report from the Obama administration spelling out their approach to the transportation bill. Other priorities will also move attention away from the transportation bill such as financial market concerns. Based on this information, action may not be taken by the December extension. ( handout attached)

There is no news from the State Level other than ODOT will be taking another round of TRAC applications

### Scholarship Committee

No report

### Schramm Awards

Caroline raised a motion to set new limits on the Schramm Project Award of \$3 million and under; and over \$3 million. The motion carried.

### Program Report

Strand will be the speaker for the May meeting on the topic of Green engineering. Paul Schoelwer asked Jim Jurgensen, Jr. what program topic he would propose for the September meeting. Possible topics include the Cincinnati casino, the Brent Spence bridge replacement or green materials.

### Treasurer's Report

Bill Lawall was not able to attend, so President Vogel will send out a treasurer's report to board members.

### Newsletter

Board members were directed to send articles to Emily by May 14<sup>th</sup>. The section will need to submit an article for the Scanner. Possible topics include the 8<sup>th</sup> Street viaduct, the Banks or the green parking lot project in Kentucky. Cindy suggested that the Schramm Award winner provide an article for the Scanner. Joe will follow up on Scanner article possibilities.

### Regional report

ASHE is considering using names for regions instead of numbers. Sam Odin won the ASHE member of the year award. Barbara Jordan from Columbus was awarded the young member of the year. Per Caroline Duffy, we will solicit OKI Regional Council of Governments to host a clean air booth at the ASHE 2010 conference. Joe Vogel will approach OKI for their sponsorship.

Old Business

The next board meeting is tentatively set for August 24, 2010 at Valley Asphalt offices. Jim Jurgensen will send out the invitations.

New Business

Caroline Duffy thanked Joe Vogel for two years of service as the Triko Valley Section President

Joe Vogel adjourned the Board meeting at 1:25 pm.

END OF MEETING NOTES

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